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Mr. Andrew Valuchek
C. S. Publishing Company, Inc.
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New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Valuchek:

General Smith has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your request that he contribute a short message to the special issue of the Czechoslovak Dailies, the NEW YORKSKI DENNIK and the NEW YORSKE LISTY, which will be published later this month. I regret, however, that the Director of Central Intelligence does not, as a matter of policy, make public statements of the kind specified and that, therefore, we cannot accede to your request.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the Director

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General Walter Bedell Smith,
Chief,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—

October 28th is a very important day in the history of democracy, for it was exactly on this day in 1918 with the aid of the United States that Czechoslovakia gained her freedom and entered the ranks of independent democratic nations.

In the twenty short years of her existence as a free country, Czechoslovakia has demonstrated its fitness and ability to govern itself, and earned the respect and admiration of all nations. America made no mistake in honoring her people with the title 'The Yanks of Europe'.

Because of its geographic position this small nation has twice lost its hard earned freedom. Again it is at the mercy of brutal force and power. This year in Czechoslovakia the commemoration of October 28th, will be forbidden. The present Communist regime in Czechoslovakia is doing this in order that the spirit of democracy might be completely blotted out of the minds and the hearts of people. For this reason we are trying to perpetuate October 28th as a real symbol of democracy among Americans of Czechoslovak descent. We must keep the memory of that day alive.

As a part of this plan we are preparing a special issue of the Czechoslovak Dailies, the New Yorksky Dennik and the New Yorske Listy to memorialize that day.

We would appreciate it very much if you would participate in this plan with a short message which we would publish in this special issue, and which would be of inspiration to thousands of Americans of Czechoslovak descent as well as to the people of Czechoslovakia.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and remain,

Very truly yours,

NEW YORKSKY DENNIK - NEW YORSKE LISTY

ANDREW VALUCHEK

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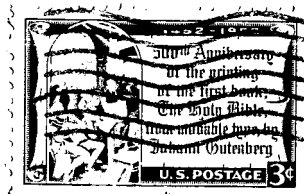

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Mr. [redacted] Recommends regret [redacted] DCI's policy of not [illegible] statements [illegible] making impossible granting request.

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